




Procedure file

Basic information	
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Fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea Amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 2014/0285(COD)	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Fisheries	 CADEC Alain	27/02/2018
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	3624	18/06/2018
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
European Economic and Social Committee	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	VELLA Karmenu	

Key events			
18/12/2017	Legislative proposal published	COM(2017)0774	Summary
15/01/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
24/04/2018	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
26/04/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A8-0149/2018	Summary
29/05/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
29/05/2018	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T8-0205/2018	Summary
18/06/2018	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
04/07/2018	Final act signed		
04/07/2018	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information	

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Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 2014/0285(COD)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/8/11872

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2017)0774	18/12/2017	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0210/2018	14/02/2018	ESC	
Committee draft report	PE618.322	01/03/2018	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0149/2018	26/04/2018	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0205/2018	29/05/2018	EP	Summary
Draft final act	00023/2018/LEX	04/07/2018	CSL	

Final act

[Regulation 2018/976](#)
[OJ L 179 16.07.2018, p. 0076](#) Summary

Fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea

PURPOSE: to safeguard the full reproductive capacity of certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: following the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/1139](#) established a multiannual plan for cod, herring and sprat stocks in the Baltic Sea. The objective of the plan is to ensure that the exploitation of the stocks concerned restores and maintains populations of these stocks above the levels that achieve maximum sustainable yield (MSY).

The scientific evaluation of the Bothnian Sea herring stock and the Bothnian Bay herring stock conducted in 2017 by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) showed that those two stocks are similar. As a consequence, ICES combined the two stocks into one, changed the boundaries of its geographic distribution area and re-estimated the MSY fishing mortality ranges, as well as the relevant conservation reference points.

Regulation (EU) No 2016/1139 provides that where, on the basis of scientific advice, the Commission considers that the conservation reference points set out in Annex II to that Regulation no longer correctly express the objectives of the plan, those points, as a matter of urgency, may be submitted for the revision to the European Parliament and the Council.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes to urgently amend Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 to ensure that the fishing opportunities for Gulf of Bothnia herring stocks are determined in accordance with the updated conservation reference points following the scientific evaluation carried out by ICES.

Fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea

The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by Alain CADEC (EPP, FR) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 as regards fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure, taking over the Commission proposal.

As a reminder, the Commission proposal concerns a technical amendment to the management plan for the Baltic Sea, more specifically for herring in the Gulf of Bothnia.

It aims to amend Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 to ensure that fishing opportunities for Gulf of Bothnia herring stocks are determined in accordance with the updated conservation reference points following the scientific evaluation carried out by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).

Fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea

The European Parliament adopted by 534 votes to 41, with 28 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 as regards fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea.

The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure, taking over the Commission proposal.

The proposal aims to amend Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 to ensure that fishing opportunities for Gulf of Bothnia herring stocks are determined in accordance with the updated conservation reference points following the scientific evaluation carried out by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).

Fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea

PURPOSE: to safeguard the full reproductive capacity of certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2018/976 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 as regards fishing mortality ranges and safeguard levels for certain herring stocks in the Baltic Sea.

CONTENT: [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/1139](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishes a multi-annual plan for cod, herring and sprat stocks in the Baltic Sea. The purpose of the plan is to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the common fisheries policy and, in particular, to ensure that the exploitation of living marine biological resources restores and maintains populations of harvested species above levels which can produce maximum sustainable yield (MSY).

The scientific evaluation of the Bothnian Sea herring stock and the Bothnian Bay herring stock conducted in 2017 by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) showed that those two stocks are similar. As a consequence, ICES combined the two stocks into one, changed the boundaries of its geographic distribution area and re-estimated the MSY fishing mortality ranges, as well as the relevant conservation reference points.

This led to different stock definition and numerical values than the ones established in Regulation (EU) 2016/1139.

Accordingly, this Regulation introduces a technical amendment to Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 to ensure that fishing opportunities for herring stocks in the Bothnian Bay are fixed in accordance with updated conservation reference levels following the scientific assessment carried out by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES).

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